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## **Vukmir Praises Supreme Court Ruling, Remains Committed To GAB Reform**

(Madison, WI) – Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa) released the following statement after the state Supreme Court Thursday ordered an end to the John Doe probe, as Justice Michael Gableman wrote for the majority that the special prosecutor's legal theory is unsupported in either reason or law.

"The Wisconsin Supreme Court's John Doe ruling is just the latest example of the pervasive unaccountability and out-of-control actions that define the current regime at the GAB.

"Sen. Tom Tiffany's John Doe reform bill is an important step toward improving the John Doe process in Wisconsin. I look forward to having a vote on this important legislation during the fall floor period.

"The mechanics of a John Doe investigation are clearly not the greatest threat to political speech in Wisconsin. Once again the GAB, its rogue executive director Kevin Kennedy, and their disinterested board of retired judges find themselves at the center of an unraveling and unjustifiable legal theory.

"When paired with the revelations of the recent Wall Street Journal article, it is clear the GAB is more interested in attempting to silence political speech than performing its statutory duties. As I said last week, suppression of speech and ideas is not the answer to any question in a free society.

"I look forward to the forthcoming debates over both political speech and the GAB. During each debate, I remain committed to ensuring that state government, through its various arms, continues to enforce the rule of law while maintaining an environment that allows robust political speech from multiple perspectives."

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